a crisis that could have led to a law and order situation was averted and a compromise between the workers and the management was arrived at. The Embassy had taken up the case with Kuwaiti authorities at the highest level. This was followed up by personal visits by officers of the Mission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. Due to the efforts of the officials of the Mission, the foreign employer agreed to make an ad-hoc payment of KD 94,000 towards wages and to pay for the passage back to India for all workers.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Telecast of State Government functions by Madras Doordarshan Kendra

1372. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI T.R. BALU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any oral or written instructions have been issued by officials of Delhi Doordarshan to officials of Doordarshan Madras not to telecast State Government functions as far as possible and if coverage is unavoidable to show only Chief Minister and that too in long shots;

(b) whether any memorandum/complaint has been received from State Government in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.K. TEWARY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have received a letter from Shri M. Karunanidhi, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamilnadu alleging biased attitude of the News Wing of Doordarshan Kendra, Madras. The allegation has not been foundcorrect.

Agreement between NDMC and Ministry of External Affairs on Akbar Bhawan

1373. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agreement was signed by New Delhi Municipal Committee and Ministry of External Affairs with regard to Akbar Bhawan; and

(b) if so, what are the terms of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI, MOHSINA KIDWAI) : (a) No; Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Labour Courts and Industrial Tribunals in the Country

1374. SHRI T.R. BALU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2565 given in the Rajya Sahba on the 17th March, 1989 and to state ;

(a) the total number of industrial disputes pending in each State during the last three years : yearwise;

(b) the total number of Labour Courts/Industrial Tribunals in each State during the lst three years, year-wise figures;

(c) what is the number among these disputes which are more than three years, five years, ten years old; and

(d) what steps are being taken to dispose of long pending disputes ?